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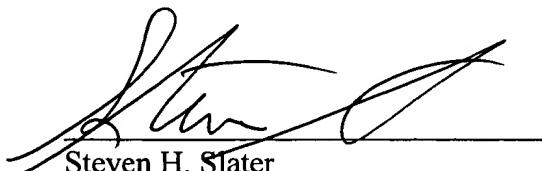
Dear Ms. Johnson:

In response to the Request for Information mailed January 28, 2004, Applicants respectfully enclose the formal drawings for the above-referenced application.

Applicants respectfully request that the drawings be accepted even though they are being mailed after the one (1) month deadline. The reason for the delayed response is that the Request for Information was mailed to the former correspondence address and, due to re-organization, was re-routed to Germany before being forwarded to the current correspondence address. Therefore, the below-named current attorney of record did not receive said Request until after the deadline had passed.

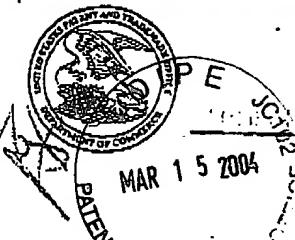
Please contact Applicants' attorney with any questions regarding this matter.

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

In re Application of  
Schroeder et al.  
Application No. 09/745,676  
Attorney Docket No. 00P9111US  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
AERIAL IMAGE IMPROVEMENT IN  
PROJECTION LITHOGRAPHY USING A  
PHASE SHIFTING APERTURE

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 16, 2004, to revive the above-identified application. The petition included *prima facie* evidence in the form of an itemized and date-stamped return postcard receipt that the petition was originally filed in the Office on July 7, 2003.

Petitioner is given ONE (1) MONTH from the mailing date of this letter to supply the information requested below. This period is governed by § 1.181(f) and is not extendable. Failure to supply the requested drawings will result in issuance of a decision on the petition without consideration of the filing of such drawings.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a proper response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed February 6, 2001. This Notice set a time limit of two (2) months for response, with extensions of time permitted under § 1.136(a). No reply having been received and no extensions of time obtained, the application became abandoned effective April 7, 2001. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on June 9, 2003.

The instant petition was resubmitted by facsimile transmission. The original petition shown to have been received in the Office on July 7, 2003 is not present in the application file. Thus, the only required reply present in the application includes the 6 sheets of substitute drawings submitted by facsimile transmission. Unfortunately, under 37 CFR 1.6(d)(4), drawings submitted under 37 CFR 1.81, 37 CFR 1.81, 1.83-1.85, 1.152, 1.165, 1.174, or 1.437 may not be filed by facsimile transmission in patent applications. Accordingly, it is required that applicants resubmit the 6 sheets of substitute drawings by mail or hand-delivery.

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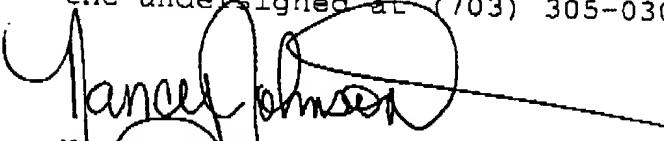
A decision on the petition filed January 16, 2004, is being held in abeyance pending resubmission of the drawings.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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